

IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

providing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes an individual drug and an individual medical device,

associating a unique tracking code with said single source, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single source,

providing data associated with said drug in said single source to be administered from providing of said single source containing said drug to ~~said~~ disposal of said single source,

disposing of said single source,

storing said data in association with said tracking code on a storage device, whereby the stored data may be altered while still being associated with the same unique tracking code, and

retrieving the stored data from said storage device using said tracking code,

wherein the stored data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks the preparation of said source containing said drug, administration of said drug from said source, and disposal of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said tracking code comprises a bar code.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, further including scanning said bar code for identifying said drug

associated with said bar code prior to administration of said drug to a patient.

21. (original) The method of claim 16, further including affixing said source to a cradle.

22. (original) The method of claim 21, further including adhering a label containing said tracking code to at least one of said cradle and said source.

23. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a syringe label cradle.

24. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a port label cradle.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said ~~source~~medical device comprises a syringe.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said ~~source~~medical device comprises an IV port.

27. (currently amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparation of a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes an individual drug and an individual medical device,

affixing said single source in a cradle,

providing a label having a bar code corresponding to a unique tracking code affixed to at least one of said source and said cradle, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single source,

identifying data associated with said drug in said single source and said patient,

storing said data in association with said unique tracking code on a storage device,

administering a quantity of said drug to a patient from said single source,

disposing of said single source after administration of said drug to a patient,

updating said data and said quantity of said drug administered in association with the same unique tracking code on said storage device, and

retrieving said data from said storage device using said unique tracking code,

wherein said data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks said drug and said source from preparation of said source containing said drug to disposing of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein said source comprises a syringe.

29. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein said source comprises an IV port.

30. (original) The method of claim 27, said tracking code identifies a single source associated with a single patient.

31. - 36. (cancelled)

37. (currently amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes an ~~individual drug and an individual~~ syringe medical device,

associating a unique tracking code with said single source, providing first data associated with said tracking code relating to said drug in said single source to be administered,

providing second data representing an amount of said drug in said single source administered to said patient from said single source associated with said tracking code,

providing third data associated with disposing of said single source,

storing said first, second and third data in association with said tracking code on a storage device,

retrieving said first, second and third data from said storage device using said tracking code,

whereby said first, second and third data associated with said tracking code, and retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks said single source containing said drug from said preparing of said source through administration of said drug to a patient to said disposal thereof.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in association with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in association with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in association with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

41. (cancelled)

42. (cancelled)

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

44. (new) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

providing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes an individual syringe,

associating a unique tracking code with said single source, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single source,

providing data associated with said single source to be administered from providing of said single source to disposal of said single source,

storing said data in association with said tracking code on a storage device, whereby the stored data may be altered while still being associated with the same unique tracking code, and

retrieving the stored data from said storage device using said tracking code,

wherein the stored data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks the single source from the preparation of said source to the disposal of said source.

45. (new) The method of claim 44, wherein said unique tracking code is written on a bar code.

46. (new) The method of claim 45, further comprising said single source including other markings other than said unique tracking code.

47. (new) The method of claim 46, wherein said other markings comprises written text, type written text, patient information, drug information, or other bar codes.

48. (new) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparation of a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug is an individual syringe,

affixing said single source in a cradle,

providing a label having a bar code corresponding to a unique tracking code affixed to at least one of said source and said cradle, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single source,

identifying data associated with said drug in said single source and said patient,

storing said data in association with said unique tracking code on a storage device,

administering a quantity of said drug contained in said source to a patient,

disposing of said single source after administration of said drug to a patient,

updating said data in association with the unique tracking code on said storage device, and

retrieving said data from said storage device using said unique tracking code,

wherein said data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks said source from preparation of said source containing said drug to disposing of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

49. (new) The method of claim 48, further comprising said single source including other markings other than said unique tracking code.

50. (new) The method of claim 49, wherein said other markings comprises written text, type written text, patient information, drug information, or other bar codes.